



Newsletter

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Dear Friend

I trust that this letter finds you well. It is my privilege to share some information about our work thus far this year.

Students

We are well into the academic year, although we have only recently finalised our student intake for 2011, as we have had so many requests from students facing exclusion for financial reasons. It seems that there are many more students facing financial difficulty this year.

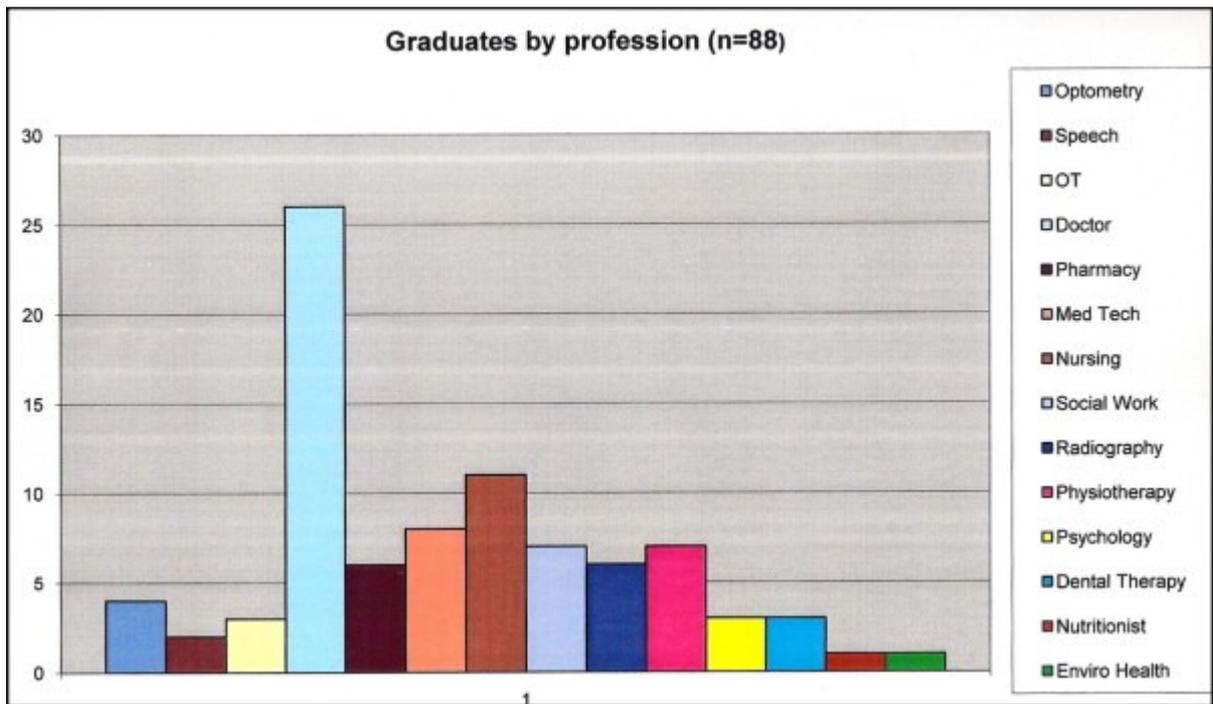
In that regard, we are supporting a total of **147 students this year**, with 38% of these students studying medicine. We are supporting students across 16 different health science disciplines!

Dumisani has already visited all students at University, mainly to ensure that the new students are well orientated and settled in. All new students and students that struggled last year have been allocated a mentor which they will meet with monthly.

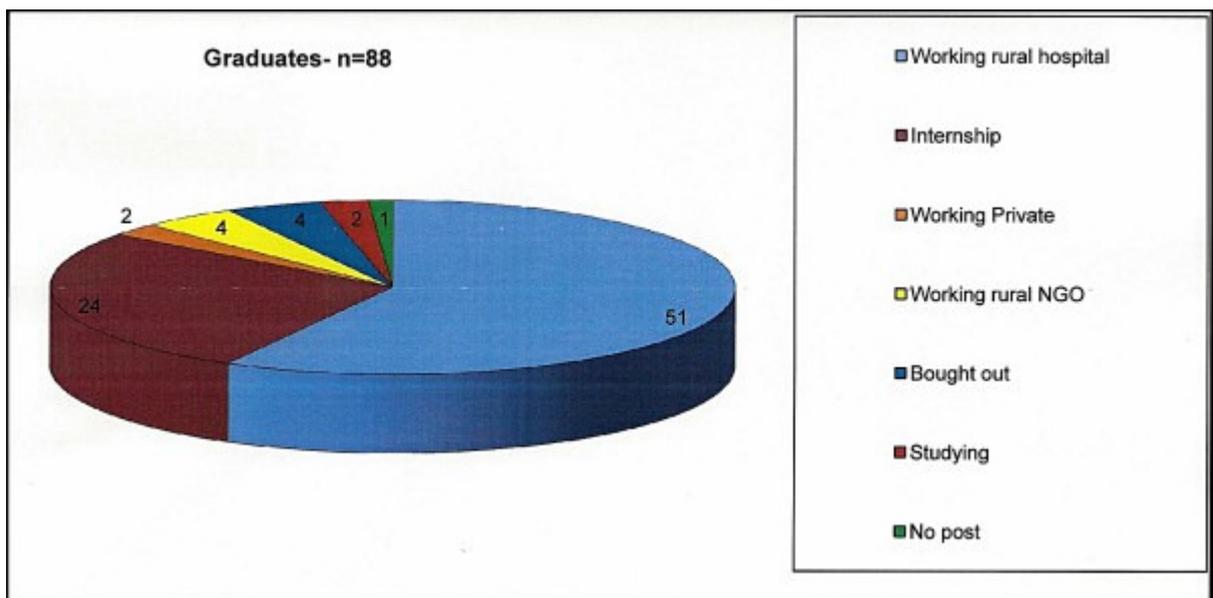
We trust that through the support we provide to the students that we will have another great academic year as we did last year.

Graduates

Tabia Sekgota and Faustin Butiri recently completed their medical studies and started their internship training on 1 March. Our graduate numbers have thus increased to **88!** The breakdown of graduates by profession is presented in the graph below:



The Pie Chart below shows the current placement of the 88 graduates:



The majority of graduates (58%) are working at a rural hospital, which is naturally the intention and purpose of the programme.

As you will note, a large number of graduates (24) are still busy with their internship training (mainly Doctors) which takes place at teaching hospitals within the urban areas. By the end of this year, however, we will have 13 Doctors completing their internship training and moving to our various rural hospitals to join the 10 Doctors that are currently there.

Significantly of the 88 graduates, only 2 have gone into the private health care sector to date. Four graduates have bought themselves out, but this was to pursue opportunities not available in the district.

BBB-EE

We would like to make business people aware that through the financial support of our work,

companies with an annual turnover of >R5 to >R35 million can earn 25 points towards their BBB-EE scorecard ie. 25% of the entire scorecard. We also issue 18A tax certificates to all South African donors for income tax purposes. Should anyone be interested they can contact me for more information.

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Regards

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